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1. On 25 July 1950 LO Yuan-fan (劉元範), YIN Li-yen's subordinate in central Hunan, joined the commander of YIN's engineer battalion in Hunan and four of his men for purposes of sabotage. Disguised as rice merchants, the group reached Shaoyang (111-23, 27-15) on the evening of 27 July and under cover of darkness infiltrated the airfield at the western outskirts of the city. They killed two Communist guards and set fire to the gasoline dump, destroying over 100 drums of gasoline.
2. In the resulting action a platoon leader from the engineer battalion was killed, and LO was captured and executed. On 28 July Shaoyang was put under martial law, and the Communists began a door-to-door search for the saboteurs. The hsien government announced that those who had conspired with the saboteurs would be given a chance to confess voluntarily, but if their conspiracy were detected without confession, their families would be put to death.

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